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LY DAI NGUYEN - VU DINH MANHDA

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1. NGUYEN IS A YOUNG BUDDHIST WRITER AND JOURNALIST, BORN IN 1938 IN BAC NINH, NORTHER VIET NAM. IN 1964 HE WAS THE PUBLISHER OF THE SANG NEWSPAPER, WHICH WAS SUSPENDED AFTER A FEW MONTHS OF PUBLICATION. HE WAS ALSO A BUDDHIST YOUTH LEADER IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE NGUYEN KHANH GOVERNMENT. HE WAS JAILED FOR A FEW MONTHS BY THE KHANH POLICE. NGUYEN RECENTLY PUBLISHED A BOOK ENTITLED "REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE". HE IS REPORTEDLY BEING SUPPORTED BY A GROUP CALLING ITSELF THE "NATIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE FOR PRESIDENT" IN THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS; HE DOES NOT EXPECT TO WIN BUT HIS GROUP HOPES TO FORM A STRONG LOCAL OPPOSITION.

2. VU DINH MANH IS A 53- YEAR OLD NATIVE OF PHAN THIET, BINH THUAN PROVINCE, SOUTH CENTRAL VIET-NAM. HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE VETERANS OF THE SOUTHERN RESISTANCE, A SMALL GROUP OF VETERANS OF THE NON-COMMUNIST RESISTANCE TO THE FRENCH IN THE LATE 1942

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